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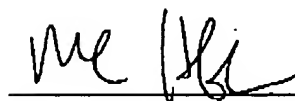
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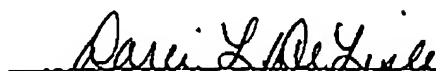
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In response to the Office Action of December 2, 2004, Applicants respectfully  
request reconsideration and allowance in view of the amendments and remarks below: